



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



ANIMAL PERMIT INFORMATION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 22.56, PART 3 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ZONING CODE

The Animal Permit is established to permit the keeping and maintaining as a pet or for the personal use of members of the family residing on the premises of: (a) Wild or domestic animals not specifically classified which will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare, and (b) Domestic or wild animal exceeding the number permitted, or on lots or parcels of land having less than the area required, which will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of such site.

The Animal Permit Application is a request for an administrative action which requires the notification of adjacent property owners as well as the Departments of Animal Control and Health Services. If two written objections are received from the public or report of either the Department of Animal Control or Health Services indicate that the requested animals may not reasonably be maintained as specified in the application, the application must be denied. If one objection is received the decision will be made by the staff. An appeal of administrative determinations may be made to the Regional Planning Commission per Section 22.56.520 of TITLE 22.

No application shall be filed or accepted if final action has been taken within one year prior thereto by either the staff of the Department of Regional Planning, the Regional Planning Commission, or Board of Supervisors upon application requesting the same or substantially the same Animal Permit.

No application will be accepted for any live cat (Family Felidae), except house cats (Felis Domesticus) unless the applicant produces a valid permit approved by the California Department of Fish & Game.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH CODE ORDINANCE NO. 7583, CHAPTER VII:

Sec. 608. Domestic Animals. A person shall not keep any animal, fowl or bird, wild or domestic, other than cats, dogs, and canaries, or birds of the psittacine family within thirty-five (35) feet of any restaurant, food establishment, residence, or dwelling, or other building used for the habitation of human beings, or within one hundred (100) feet of any school buildings, hospital building, or similar institution building. It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain a premise, yard, coop, or building in which fowl or animals are maintained in a foul or unsanitary condition. The provisions of this Section regarding distances shall not apply to accredited laboratories regulated by the State Department of Public Health.